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County Clerk/Registrar of Voters (CC/ROV) Memorandum #24088

TO: All County Clerks/Registrars of Voters

FROM: /s/ Ryan Reece  
Elections Analyst

RE: Language Accessibility Advisory Committee: Actions from  
the April 3, 2024, Meeting

The Language Accessibility Advisory Committee (LAAC) met and members were sworn in on April 3, 2024, and the following participants were sworn in:

Newly sworn in committee members

- Janet Bernabe
- Paul Burke
- Juan Pablo Cervantes
- Jacqueline Coto
- Giselle Gasca
- Pedro Hernandez
- Barbara Hurtado
- Val Jacobo
- Dean Logan
- Deanna Kitamura
- Alexander Neofitidis
- Karduz Nguyen
- Svetlana Osokina
- Armando Salud
- Voleck Taing
- Calvin Van
- Monica Villicana

During the meeting the members discussed committee goals for the 2024 - 2025 term. The following are action items that the committee determined to research:

1. Coordinating outreach efforts between state and county LAACs.
2. Paying reviewers for their time working on the Voter Information Guide (VIG) and other translated materials.
3. Reviewing the outcomes of the No Party Preference/Presidential Primary mailers issued by the counties prior to the March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.
4. Studying the relationship between the geography of counties and the language services provided by the county Registrar of Voters (ROVs).
5. Reviewing goals left in progress by the 2023 LAAC.

6. Obtaining more resources for county outreach programs and for the translation of election materials.
7. Explore the use of best practice guides to ensure consistency in voting materials and outreach efforts throughout the state.
8. Explore and evaluate various translation tools (i.e. video or audio relay) to find the best technological solutions to issues facing alternative language voters.
9. Reviewing the bilingual poll workers survey from the previous LAAC and prepare to reissue the survey to poll workers who served in the recent March 5, 2024, Presidential Primary Election.
10. Researching methods of providing a central language resource for deaf and hard of hearing voters. Note: It was mentioned that this issue might be more suited for the Voter Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC), but it may be discussed further by the LAAC.
11. Exploring best practices that can be recommended to SOS regarding issues that may be present during the November 5, 2024, General Election.

These actions and a copy of the meeting minutes for this meeting will be available soon on the LAAC website at: <https://www.sos.ca.gov/elections/laac>.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly at [laac@sos.ca.gov](mailto:laac@sos.ca.gov).

Thank you.